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SUMMARY: ASSASSINATIONS OF CAPT ASSEFA TEFERI OF POLICE FORCE, AND KAFFA PROVINCE PROVINCIAL OFFICE FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS (POMOA/POLITBURO) DEPUTY DEMEKE HARRAGEWON BY "ANARCHISTS", ANNOUNCED IN DEC 10 MEDIA. BOTH KILLED EVENING DEC 8 IN SEPARATE AND PROBABLY UNRELATED INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY

1. CAPT ASSEFA TEFERI, BORN 1939 IN GOHA-TSION DISTRICT OF SOA PROVINCE, HAD BEEN MEMBER OF POLICE FORCE FOR 18 YEARS AND RECEIVED LAW DIPLOMA FROM EXTENSION DIVISION OF ADDIS ABABA U. HE REPORTEDLY ASSASSINATED BY "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ANARCHISTS AND REACTIONAIRES" WHEN RETURNING HOME IN ADDIS FROM REGULAR DUTY. FUNERAL SERVICES ATTENDED BY UNIDENTIFIED PMAC MAMEBERS, MININTERIOR, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE COL NEGUSSIE HAILE-MARIAM, AND OTHER SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS, FRIENDS, AND RELATIVES.

2. DEMEKE HARRAGEWON WAS REPORTEDLY SHOT ON STREET IN JIMMA BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANT WHO DROPPED PISTOL AND RAN AWAY. POLICE SEARCHED HOUSES AND HOTELS SAME NIGHT, AND MOST OF CITY FORCED TO ATTEND FUNERAL NEXT DAY. DEMEKE ATTENDED ALEMAYA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE JOINING MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SERVING AS TEACHER FOR FOUR YEARS. AT ONE TIME DEMEKE REPORTEDLY WAS EPRP MEMBER IN
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KAFFA REGION, BUT HAS RENOUNCED "REACTIONARY" GROUP AND HAD

JOINED MAIN REVOLUTIONARY STREAM. HE DESCRIBED BY POMOA
AS GENUINE PROGRESSIVE WHO HELD FIRM CONVICTION IN ONGOING
REVOLUTION AND LED STRUGGLE OF OPPRESSED MASSES FOR SEVERAL
YEARS. BECAUSE OF DEMEKE'S FORMER EPRP RELATIONSHIP AND
JIMMA'S KEBELE ELCTION (DEC 10), IN WHICH DEMEKE
HEAVILY INVOLVED AS POMOA DEPUTY THERE IS SPECULATION HE KILLED
BY EPRP MEMBERS.
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